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*Memo
Chen*

NOTE FOR: DDA

FROM: DCI

Harry:

Thanks for the material you sent me. It needs to be cut down and made less technical. The attached will indicate the style and degree of detail I want. See if you can get a few paragraphs drafted on the end on computers, training and other facilities that seem worthy of the President's attention.


William J. Casey

Attachment

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DCI
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The buildup and revitalization of our intelligence capabilities could not be accomplished without improved communications, computer capabilities and training facilities. We inherited a 1960 vintage communications network. Without computers capable of employing technologies and capabilities of the late eighties even doubling intelligence personnel to the level of the 1960s would not have been enough to keep up with expanded range and complexity of today's intelligence needs. Recruiting and training facilities could not bring on people fast enough or give them the range of skills required by the rebuilding. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This is being substantially corrected with a new building connected with CIA headquarters on the campus at Langley. We expect to ask you over to lay the foundation stone this summer.

The CIA communications system, in addition to being slow, its capacity saturated and its reliability increasingly in question as old equipment began to fail, was tangled in dispute in a joint management arrangement with State which was not working. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The management restructured and rebuilding of the system is well on the way to developing a highly responsive telecommunications capability in the mid-1980s. High speed lines, secure data links, secure voice systems, an automated printing and reproduction system, and satellite communication terminals are being installed at key facilities. [REDACTED]

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